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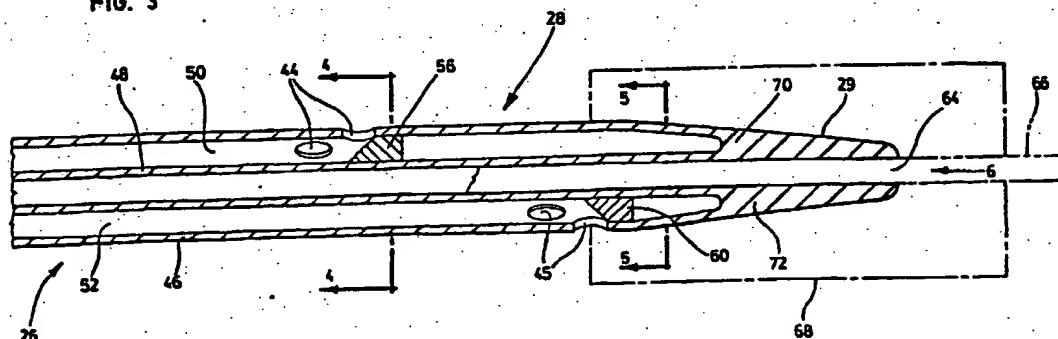
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Triple lumen catheter.

A multiple lumen catheter and its method of manufacture is described having a flexible elongate body (26) extending about a longitudinal axis and having a distal end (28) with a tapered tip (29), a proximal end (30), an outer wall (46) and a septum (48) extending between spaced points on the outer wall. The outer wall and the septum define extraction (50) and return (52) lumens extending from the proximal end to the tapered tip where the outer wall and the septum converge to close off the lumens. The outer wall also defines respective extraction (44)

and return (45) apertures for fluid communication between the lumens and the tube exterior. A portion of the septum defines a third lumen (54) extending along the longitudinal axis of the body from the proximal end to the distal end and terminating at the tip in an aperture. This third lumen is useful to receive a Seldinger wire (21) for insertion and can be used also for intravenous infusion of liquid medicaments.

FIG. 3



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